

(c) The number of custodial deaths in different States/UTs reported to the NHRC in the years 1999-2000, 2000-2001 and in the current year upto 30.6.2001 is 1093, 1037 and 241 respectively.

Pakistan's attempt to disrupt barbed wire fencing along border

1123. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pakistan made an abortive attempt to disrupt barbed wire fencing on the Indo-Pak border in the Samba sector of Jammu, currently being carried by the BSF;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government have taken to ensure that the work of barbed wire fencing on the international border is completed as per schedule?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir, Several attempts have been made by Pakistan to disrupt and damage the fencing work being undertaken on Jammu International Border. In three such cases, Pak intruders damaged the angle iron pickets by using explosive devices. Pak forces are also resorting to intermittent fire on BSF troops employed on the task of construction/guarding of the fence.

Government has taken several steps including augmentation of troops at Border Out Posts, laying additional ambushes, use of night vision devices, undertaking mobile patrolling, laying of depth nakas by Police and Village Defence Committees etc. to ensure that fencing is done without disruption.